

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-53 (canceled)

54. (New) A medical device to treat the heart, comprising:

providing a cardiac harness that is self-sizing;

a cardiac harness sized to cover at least a portion of the heart; and

the cardiac harness being compressible to be delivered minimally invasively.

55. (New) The medical device of claim 54, wherein the cardiac harness generates a compressive force on the heart of not more than 10 mm Hg.

56. (New) The medical device of claim 54, wherein the cardiac harness is elastic and has a deformed shape and a recovered shape when a load is applied and removed respectively.

57. (New) The medical device of claim 54, wherein the cardiac harness is compressible to a delivery diameter no greater than minimally invasive access between the patient's ribs.

58. (New) The medical device of claim 54, wherein the cardiac harness is compressible to a delivery diameter no greater than minimally invasive access subcostally.

59. (New) The medical device of claim 54, wherein the cardiac harness is compressible to a delivery diameter no greater than minimally invasive access percutaneously through the skin.